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H. J. RES. 119

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit
campaign spending.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELAY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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States to limit campaign spending.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the follow-
4 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents
6 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
7 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-
8 in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-
9 tion:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. To promote the fair and effective func-
3 tioning of the democratic process, Congress, with respect
4 to elections for Federal office, and States, for all other
5 elections, including initiatives and referenda, may adopt
6 reasonable regulations of funds expended, including con-
7 tributions, to influence the outcome of elections, provided
8 that such regulations do not impair the right of the public
9 to a full and free discussion of all issues and do not pre-
10 vent any candidate for elected office from amassing the
11 resources necessary for effective advocacy.

12 “SECTION 2. Such governments may reasonably de-
13 fined which expenditures are deemed to be for the purpose
14 of influencing elections, so long as such definition does not
15 interfere with the right of the people fully to debate issues.

16 “SECTION 3. No regulation adopted under this au-
17 thority may regulate the content of any expression or com-
18 munication.”.

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